

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A disk-type optical recording medium is disclosed that has a visible pattern in its read-only area. The  
5 visible pattern is produced making use of change in reflectance of the disk, which is caused by change in product  $W \cdot L$  of a width ( $W$ ) and a length ( $L$ ) of an  $nT$  pit formed in the read-only area, where  $n$  denotes a natural number, and  $T$  denotes clock time.